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Allocation of Surface Transportation Program Rural (STR) Funds and #04-19 State Matching Assistance Funds to the Counties

COUNTY ENGINEERS/SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

Attached is a list of the current STR allocations for the downstate 96 counties. The total includes FFY 05 estimated STR allocations. In addition, the total includes amounts to reflect actual allocations received for FFY 04. These allocations were underestimated for FFY 04. Next years allocations will be adjusted as necessary.

The total amount of FFY 05 STR funds allocated to the counties is \$39,277,625 with \$35,034,974 to be distributed among the counties in Districts 2 through 9.

The formula for distribution of the STR funds to the downstate counties is as follows:

- 1. Ten percent divided equally among the downstate counties, Districts 2-9.
- 2. Balance allocated to the downstate counties on the basis of the following three factors with equal weight being given to each factor:
 - a. non-urban area
 - b. non-urban population
 - c. non-urban mileage (total all systems)

This year's distribution reflects the 2000 census, including any updates received from the Secretary of State's office, and the 2003 Illinois Highway and Street Mileage Statistics non-urban mileage totals. The non-urban area factor was not revised this year. The new 2000 census urban areas will be utilized in next year's distribution.

This year the formula for distribution of the \$4.0 million in state matching assistance is based on 67% federal funding and 33% local match. This matching ration is variable each year and is generated to result in utilization of the entire state matching assistance amount. A more detailed explanation of the state matching assistance program is attached.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact your district office.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

STATE MATCHING ASSISTANCE

The State Matching Assistance Program is designed to assist counties in matching federal funds when the county cannot derive sufficient matching funds from local taxation. Counties receive a Surface Transportation Program Rural (STR) allotment which may be used to fund up to 80% of eligible project costs. Counties are allowed to levy a Federal-aid matching tax to use for the local share. Although a 80/20 federal/ local matching ratio is allowable for STR projects, a lower matching ratio is judged to be more equitable when determining the need for matching funds because the counties receive other Federal-aid funds (e.g. HBRRP, STU) in addition to STR funds that require a local match. Some counties do not have a sufficient tax base to generate the local funds needed for the match. The State Matching Assistance Program of \$4 million per year addresses this problem.

The county is required to levy a Federal-aid matching tax of at least .045% to be eligible for assistance. To receive the maximum amount it is required to have a tax rate of .05%. If the rate is .045%, the allocation is 90% of the maximum. If the rate is between .045% and .05%, the assistance is prorated. If the rate falls below .045%, the county may retain its eligibility for assistance if a permanent transfer of funds from a non-highway fund to the Federal-aid Matching Tax Fund is made to meet the equivalent of the minimum eligibility threshold.

The maximum assistance amount for each county is established as the difference between the amount required to match the county's STR allotment using a computer generated federal/local matching ratio and the funds generated by the county's Federal-aid matching tax. This matching ratio is variable each year and is generated to result in utilization of the entire State Matching Assistance amount.

The amount of funds received by each county will vary from year to year. The variable amount of STR funds available each year and the local Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) as provided by the Department of Revenue have a direct correlation on the amount of funds to be disbursed based on shortfall. As an example, when the STR allotment increases, the poorer counties will have a greater need for additional match. Conversely, when the STR allotment decreases, the poorer counties will not have a need to match as much federal funding and therefore will require less state matching assistance funds.

State matching funds may be used for any federal-aid project.

<u>Commitment of Funds:</u> If a county so desires, it may use its accumulated matching funds to defray any part or the entire non-federal portion of any local federal-aid project regardless of the Federal matching percentage. The State matching assistance may be committed as a lump-sum amount or as a percentage of the project cost not to exceed the current available State Match allotment for the county.

<u>Anticipation:</u> There can be no anticipation of State matching funds. In other words, no county can commit more State matching assistance funds to a project than it has available at the time of letting. However, existing agreements for active projects may be amended to increase the amount of State Matching Assistance when it becomes available.

COUNTY CODE	COUNTY	STP RURAL ALLOTMENT	STATEMATCH
001	ADAMS	545,158.78	0.00
003	ALEXANDER	187,802.05	71,645.05
005	BOND	260,324.44	62,325.17
007	BOONE	229,143.31	0.00
009	BROWN	196,210.44	72,281.96
011	BUREAU	525,188.85	19,134.95
013	CALHOUN	157,671.97	53,856.35
015	CARROLL	314,979.00	24,497.81
017	CASS	219,333.52	54,170.82
019	CHAMPAIGN	703,166.51	0.00
021	CHRISTIAN	439,703.51	17,678.32
023	CLARK	361,225.17	100,398.54
025	CLAY	288,352.42	84,527.31
027	CLINTON	450,914.70	45,319.36
029	COLES	327,941.94	0.00
031	COOK	0.00	0.00
033	CRAWFORD	302,366.41	40,411.70
035	CUMBERLAND	260,674.79	80,914.06
037	DEKALB	445,659.45	0.00
039	DEWITT	256,820.94	0.00
041	DOUGLAS	339,853.83	33,320.28
043	DUPAGE	0.00	0.00
045	EDGAR	351,765.72	58,271.46
047	EDWARDS	171,335.61	58,450.63
049	EFFINGHAM	379,093.00	0.00
051	FAYETTE	422,536.37	121,965.23
053	FORD	331,445.44	69,534.73
055	FRANKLIN	360,874.82	69,192.14
057	FULTON	503,817.51	82,385.04
059	GALLATIN	197,261.49	72,909.13

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061	GREENE	334,948.94	90,353.79
063	GRUNDY	361,925.87	0.00
065	HAMILTON	275,739.83	104,714.92
067	HANCOCK	489,453.17	125,609.47
069	HARDIN	132,096.44	48,911.61
071	HENDERSON	233,347.51	67,181.50
073	HENRY	519,232.90	0.00
075	IROQUOIS	669,532.94	131,227.90
077	JACKSON	397,661.54	0.00
079	JASPER	310,774.80	48,593.10
081	JEFFERSON	424,288.12	48,615.82
083	JERSEY	260,674.79	6,284.75
085	JODAVIESS	386,800.70	0.00
087	JOHNSON	244,558.70	79,409.92
089	KANE	0.00	0.00
091	KANKAKEE	497,511.22	0.00
093	KENDALL	451,615.40	0.00
095	KNOX	451,615.40	0.00
097	LAKE	0.00	0.00
099	LASALLE	776,389.61	0.00
101	LAWRENCE	293,607.67	96,068.90
103	LEE	449,162.95	0.00
105	LIVINGSTON	646,760.21	67,552.43
107	LOGAN	382,596.50	0.00
115	MACON	361,225.17	0.00
117	MACOUPIN	625,739.22	92,311.51
119	MADISON	487,000.72	0.00
121	MARION	381,895.80	48,145.64
123	MARSHALL	274,688.78	47,567.74
125	MASON	343,707.68	83,202.66

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127	MASSAC	183,597.85	17,580.56
109	MCDONOUGH	364,728.66	27,738.88
111	MCHENRY	0.00	0.00
113	MCLEAN	739,602.89	0.00
129	MENARD	237,201.36	25,022.81
131	MERCER	364,728.66	85,697.46
133	MONROE	247,361.50	0.00
135	MONTGOMERY	479,293.03	78,751.78
137	MORGAN	339,853.83	0.00
139	MOULTRIE	266,630.74	36,796.25
141	OGLE	592,456.00	0.00
143	PEORIA	451,265.05	0.00
145	PERRY	262,776.89	58,592.42
147	PIATT	293,958.02	6,917.17
149	PIKE	466,330.09	150,992.61
151	POPE	188,152.40	71,477.55
153	PULASKI	162,576.86	65,903.83
155	PUTNAM	140,504.83	15,198.15
157	RANDOLPH	414,478.33	40,056.84
159	RICHLAND	240,354.51	42,158.84
161	ROCK ISLAND	277,841.93	0.00
165	SALINE	295,709.77	58,778.76
167	SANGAMON	576,339.91	0.00
169	SCHUYLER	251,916.05	87,794.27
171	SCOTT	168,532.81	54,408.00
173	SHELBY	499,613.31	98,828.33
163	ST CLAIR	433,397.21	0.00
175	STARK	192,356.59	46,945.65
177	STEPHENSON	406,069.93	0.00
179	TAZEWELL	434,448.26	0.00

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181	UNION	254,718.85	59,174.46
183	VERMILION	537,801.44	0.00
185	WABASH	153,818.12	23,658.70
187	WARREN	311,825.85	39,872.91
189	WASHINGTON	352,466.42	92,398.24
191	WAYNE	407,821.68	141,106.66
193	WHITE	312,176.20	95,207.17
195	WHITESIDE	519,583.25	0.00
197	WILL	0.00	0.00
199	WILLIAMSON	406,770.63	0.00
201	WINNEBAGO	337,051.03	0.00
203	WOODFORD	473,688.69	0.00
	FINAL TOTALS	35,034,974.00	4,000,000.00